

those called and qualified to herald the glad tidings of salvation. And as a whole may this class be as a "Lamp in the window" that will send the light of the blessed gospel of Christ to the heart of some poor prodigal that would return to his Father's house.

W. A. CROFFORD.

#### Conference Notes

It was my privilege once again to attend our National Conference, and I was so well pleased with the proceedings, so far as I witnessed them, that I feel like penning a few lines relative to the work when I was called to make my three minute speech to the congregation. I dropped the remark that I had in consequence of this misfortune (getting hurt by falling from a building) been deprived of the privilege of attending the conference for a time and had therefore lost interest in them. After the close of the service a brother dropped a remark or two to me that lead me to conclude that he and perhaps others thought that I meant to convey the idea that I had lost interest in the Brethren cause. I did not mean that, I never saw the day that I entertained the least doubt as to the success and prosperity of the Brethren cause. I believe to-day as I always have that the onward movement of the Brethren church was a great necessity and that it was God honored, and I believe it will be God honored so long as the brethren seek to honor Christ and his Gospel. So you see that it was only in the conference work that, for my self I lost interest and that was only on account of my invalidism and removal to the south and consequent absence from those meetings.

Why I was especially pleased with the conference of the present year.

1. There was a good representation of delegates bearing in their countenances that expression of faith, hope and courage.

2. The spirituality that seemed to pervade the minds of the brethren.

3. The unity of sentiment, this surpassed anything I ever witnessed, and I attended every General Conference of the Brethren church from the year 1882, A. D. to 1895, A. D.

4. The unostentatious manner in which the brethren took hold of every branch of the work so far as I witnessed it.

5. The impartial ruling of the president and very especially in that he did not hesitate to call to order without respect to person, sect, sex or party every one who seemed to feel the need of using the handle "progressive" to the name Brethren. I want to congratulate you Brother Knepper, I think by the time you serve a term in your respective calling many of us shall have learned that there never was and is not now a progressive Brethren church. It was the Brethren church in 1708, it was the Brethren church in 1808 and it is the Brethren church now.

6. While I felt sorry that many of our old and a few of our young ministers with whom we have worshiped and communed, suffered and prayed were not there. There was an able body of young brethren there to carry on the good work, and I believe it was well done.

7. Now last but not least was the noble character of the annual sermon of the chairman, that was so well delivered and withall so instructive and encouraging that it made one feel that it was good to be there.

J. H. SWIHART.

#### Communion Notices

The Brethren of Dunlap, Ind., will hold their communion Saturday evening, Oct. 13. Come brethren and enjoy this service with us.

A. R. BEMENDERFER.

The Homer church will hold communion service on Saturday, October 13, at 7 o'clock P. M. All are invited.

H. S. JACOBS.

In all this world, with its millions and millions of blades of grass, leaves and flowers, there are no two grass blades or leaves exactly alike. Did you ever look at them closely to see?

## Educational

### Knowledge of the Bible

Ladies' Home Journal.

Knowledge of the Bible will refine, enlarge and elevate the vocabulary of any one, and the girl who studies her Bible daily and reads Shakespeare, Scott, Macaulay and Ruskin will be a better talker than she who limits her reading to the daily newspaper or the latest agreeable book. Dickens, Thackeray, William Black, Blackmore, Barrie, Crockett, Mrs. Oliphant and George Eliot are all helpful to those who would be good, bright, varied and entertaining talkers, because in all these authors you continually find wholesome thoughts expressed in forceful and strenuous English, and bit by bit you receive of the wealth these masters of English have so carefully bestowed upon their work.

### A College Education

Hervin U. Roop, Ph. D.

Every young person should take a college course for the sake of the liberal education it gives; for the broadening of his own life thru multiplying its opportunities for living on higher planes. It is every man's duty, as a preparation for complete living, to sum up in himself, so far as study will enable him to do it, the wisdom and virtue of the generations that have preceded him, and to this end the opportunities offered by a good college course are a necessity.

It develops habits of industry, self-control, indefatigable application, before which obstacles crumble and difficulties vanish. It accustoms one to long and laborious effort for the attainment of an end. It trains him in the habit of methodizing what he learns and digesting what he reads. The inspiration that springs from four years of careful communion with "the greatest thoughts of the greatest men of all time" elevates the aspirations, enlarges the horizon of mental vision, and therefore tends to prevent what has been called "the dry rot of partial development" and "the intolerant self-sufficiency of the so-called practical man," and increases the capacity for professional intensity without professional narrowness and bigotry. It prepares one to look beyond the narrow boundaries of his own vocation and to grasp in his conceptions and sympathies the multiform needs and interests of society, and he becomes of more value to himself and the world. It makes a man more thoroughly master of himself and fits him for the best mastery of any specific calling he may choose.

A college education is as safe as well as a profitable investment. It cannot be carried away by robbers, sold under mortgage, destroyed by fire or tornado, and is sure to repay large dividends. But this is not all. Wealth and honor are good if rightly used—good if sought for, not as ends, but as means—means to a higher end. And a higher education pays if it brings to its possessor only material success. It does this and more, aye, almost infinitely more. It tends to heighten intellectual enjoyments, enhance social influence, increase personal refinement, awaken purer aspirations, and develop nobler manhood and womanhood.

### College Notes

Brother E. D. Burnworth filled his regular appointment at Glenford over Sunday.

A class in drawing, free to all regular students, was organized this week.

The Pierian Literary Society gave its first regular program of the year, Friday evening.

Miss Mabel Garber of Belleville, visited friends and college acquaintances here several days last week, and on Monday began her work as teacher of the Sherradin school east of Ashland. Miss Garber's excellent preparation and earnestness will doubtless bring to her a large measure of success.

Our Sunday School and Young People's Society are doing splendidly. The S. S. had the largest attendance in years last Sabbath. The young people held a most interesting meeting led by Prof. Furry. The collection amounted to \$3.75.

Byron Swoverland of this county, and James Grable of Lucile, Pa., are two of the promising young men who enrolled as students last week. Indiana sends another representative in the person of Miss Della Kagey, of Greenfield Mills.

A Scientific Society was organized last week with J. H. Shidler, president, Homer Tallentire, vice president, and Miss Emily Gnagey, secretary. It is the purpose of the society to foster the study of Nature, and promote helpful investigation in the various departments of science.

Of the students now attending the college, the proportion from the churches is perhaps larger than ever. It is a source of gratification that there are here, few as they are, a considerable number of earnest, capable, enthusiastic young men and women who are acquiring the power and discipline that shall make each of them a mighty force in the world for good. But where are the other hundreds of sons and daughters of the church? How many of them are preparing to live largely in the great wisdom-loving century at whose threshold we are now standing? The successful farmer of the next century will have a disciplined mind, a knowledge of Botany and Chemistry and be a scientist plus "the tiller of the soil." Every occupation will demand careful training and extensive knowledge, and so likewise the largest culture will be necessary to appreciate, to appropriate, to lay hold of the intellectual riches the past bequeaths to us. Shall it be said of your son and daughter that

"Knowledge to their eyes, her ample page,  
Rich with the spoils of time did ne'er enroll?"

### Obedience

Obedience, the organ of spiritual knowledge.—F. W. Robertson.

The core principle of practical Christianity is obedience—obedience to Jesus Christ.—T. L. Cuyler, D. D.

We must not think that obedience in one direction will compensate for disobedience in some other particular.—F. B. Meyer.

A Christian is just one who does what the Lord Jesus tells him. Neither more nor less than that makes one a Christian—Geo. Macdonald.

All acceptable obedience flows from love; all true love produces cheerful service. We do not really love God if we do not seek to obey.—Rose Porter.

Obedience must be the struggle and desire of our life. Obedience, not hard and forced but ready, loving and spontaneous; the doing of duty, not merely that the duty may be done, but that the soul in doing it may become capable of receiving and uttering God.—Phillips Brooks.